(b) the details of the plan chalked out to pay the statutory dues to the said employees in a definite time frame;

(c) whether the Corporation has approached his Ministry for release of additional funds regarding payment of outstanding retirement dues to the above said employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAIKATHIRIA): (a) The total outstanding amount of the employees retired during 2000 from Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited (HEC), Ranchi is Rs. 4.88 crore.

(b) to (d) The company is trying to raise resources through liquidation of its outstanding dues and sale of Non Performing Assets (NPAs). It has also requested the Government for non-plan loan assistance.

Foreign Investment in Print Media

2331. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a), whether some foreign companies have expressed their keenness to make investment in print media in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the policy of Government with regard to giving permission to foreign companies for participation in TV software and film; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No specific proposal in this regard has been received by the Government.

(c) and (d) There is no restriction on foreign equity in proposals related to production of TV software. In film sector also, 100% Foreign Direct Investment is permitted subject to certain sectoral guidelines.